



# **There's no telling**

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*“Beyond the territory of their neighbours to the north there are such piles of feathers,  
the Scythians say, that nothing can be seen and the land cannot be traversed either.  
They say that there are too many feathers filling the land and the air to enable sight to  
function.”*

The Histories – **Herodotus**

*“So now I’m goin’ on back again,  
I got to get to her somehow,  
All the faces we used to know  
They’re an illusion to me now”*

Tangled Up in Blue – **Bob Dylan**

*“We all have to die a bit every now and then and it’s usually so gradual that we end  
up more alive than ever. Infinitely old and infinitely alive.”*

The Skating Rink – **Roberto Bolano**